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8 August 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General John Eckerling  
Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

1. I am accepting with regret your request to be relieved as Chairman of the Watch Committee of the Intelligence Advisory Committee, as expressed in your memorandum dated 24 July 1952.

2. During your service as Chairman of the Watch Committee you have made a significant contribution to our over-all intelligence effort. The high degree of effectiveness of this Committee today is due in large measure to your leadership and the personal attention which you have given the organization and proper functioning of the Committee.

3. I am designating Colonel Harvey B. Smith as Acting Chairman of the Watch Committee, effective this date.

SIGNED:

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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